



**If You Like Barbara Kingsolver, you might enjoy ...**

Agee, Jonis

**South of Resurrection** (1997) **A2624.so**

Seeking sanctuary, middle-aged Moline Bedwell returns home to Resurrection, Missouri, only to battle Heart Hog corporation's takeover of the family farm and resume her affair with Dayrell Bell, the love of her youth.

Bauer, Tricia

**Boondocking: A Novel** (1997) **B3262.b**

Nearing retirement, Sylvia and Clayton Vaeth take to the open road with their grandchild, Rita, in an effort to protect her from their son-in-law, an unstable man responsible for the death of their only daughter.

Baxter, Charles

**The Feast of Love** (2000) **B333.fe**

Presenting himself as a character in his book, wandering the streets of Ann Arbor because of his insomnia, Baxter weaves a tapestry of comic and sexy stories about love.

Bluh, Bonnie Charles

**The Eleanor Roosevelt Girls** (1998) **B62474.e**

Through a lively sequence of flashbacks, Bluh tells the story of female friendship spanning more than 50 years.

Bohjalian, Christopher A.

**Midwives: A Novel** (1997) **B63292.m**

A talented midwife is arrested when she saves a baby by performing a Caesarean section once she believes the mother has died—only to have her assistant insist later that the woman was alive. Told in the voice of the midwife's daughter, *Midwives* depicts the aftermath of the tragedy.

Boswell, Robert

**American Owned Love** (1997) **B6528.a**

In the small town of Persimmon, New Mexico, Gay Schaefer lives an

independent, promiscuous life, never letting on that she is still married to her husband and continues to meet him for one romantic rendezvous each month. But her life is soon thrown into disarray when she falls in love with the new basketball coach.

Chiaverini, Jennifer

**The Quilter's Apprentice: A Novel** (1999) **C429648.q**

While a woman searches for a fulfilling job in a small college town, she learns techniques for quilting and deep lessons about family, friendship and sisterhood from an older woman.

Dallas, Sandra

**The Diary of Mattie Spenser** (1997) **D161.d**

In a memory book, she recorded it all: her marriage to a man she barely knew, their trek west to a new life on the prairie and her own greater journey from naive young girl to a woman of strength and wisdom.

Erdrich, Louise

**The Antelope Wife: A Novel** (1998) **E675.a**

This story of two intertwined Ojibwa families, the Roys and the Shawanos, is told in a narrative style.

Gaffney, Pat

**The Saving Graces** (1999) **G11946.s**

When tragedy strikes a group of four women friends, their love, loyalty and courage are put to the ultimate test.

Gibbons, Kaye

**On the Occasion of My Last Afternoon** (1998) **G35144.o**

In the year 1900—on the afternoon she suspects might be the last in her long, eventful life—Emma Garnet Tate Lowell sets down on paper what came before, determined to make an honest account of it including the terrible secret which shaped her father's life.

Godwin, Gail

**Evensong** (1999) **G5432.e**

Into the well-ordered life of a young female pastor come three strangers, whose explosive personalities will ignite a conflagration in her marriage and in the depths of her very soul.

Guest, Judith

**Errands** (1997) **G938.e**

When Keith Browner dies of cancer, his wife Annie faces the challenges of supporting their teenage children while dealing with her own grief and loneliness. Guest is the author of *Ordinary People*.

Hannah, Kristin

**On Mystic Lake** (1999) H19398.o

When her husband announces that he wants a divorce after 20 years of marriage, Anne Colwater retreats to her childhood home in Mystic, Washington, where she rediscovers love but also emotional hardship.

Hobbet, Anastasia

**Pleasure of Believing: A Novel** (1997) H59504.p

After eight years, Muirie returns to the Uncle John ranch to find that her aunt has converted it into a bird hospital. The old way of life collides with new ecological concerns and the result challenges the two women and the men who love them.

Hood, Ann

**Ruby: A Novel** (1998) H76603.r

Following the tragic death of her husband, Olivia, a milliner from New York City, meets Ruby, pregnant, delinquent and obviously too immature to care for the baby that Olivia so strongly desires.

Kelly, Susan S.

**How Close We Come** (1997) K313757.h

Pril Henderson and Ruth Campbell have been inseparable companions whose children are also best friends. Then, without warning, Ruth leaves for vacation with her children and never returns.

Lamott, Anne

**Crooked Little Heart** (1997) L1843.c

Champion tennis player Rose is 13, struggling with her ambitions, impending womanhood and her complex relationship with her mother, Elizabeth.

Landvik, Lorna

**The Tall Pine Polka** (1999) L2387.t

A Hollywood movie crew rolls into Tall Pine, Minnesota, and zooms in on one of the locals to star in a romantic comedy.

Mapson, Jo-Ann

**The Wilder Sisters: A Novel** (1999) M32235.w

Lily and Rose Wilder, the daughters of a rancher and his activist wife, return to the home ranch as they face their own midlife crises.

McDermott, Alice

**Charming Billy** (1998) M1384.c

Winner of the National Book Award, *Charming Billy* tells the story of the late Billy Lynch within the complex matrix of a tightly knit Irish American community.

Minot, Susan

**Evening** (1998) **M6665.e**

As Ann Lord lies on her deathbed she relives a love affair she had 40 years earlier.

Munro, Alice

**The Love of a Good Woman: Stories** (1998) **M9304.1o**

These eight stories, set in western Canada, explore the themes of secrets, love, betrayal and the stuff of ordinary lives.

Piercy, Marge

**Three Women** (1999) **P615.t**

A woman's neat life starts to unravel after her daughter returns home, angry and unemployed, and her vital, working and involved-with-life mother suffers a debilitating stroke.

Schine, Cathleen

**The Evolution of Jane** (1998) **S333.e**

When two cousins—who once were best friends—are reunited on a tour of the Galapagos Islands, the result forever changes both their lives.

Smiley, Jane

**The All-True Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton: A Novel** (1998)  
**LT S6374.al**

From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *A Thousand Acres* come the memoirs of Lidie Harkness of Quincy, Illinois, who marries an abolitionist from New England and settles in Kansas in 1855. When her husband is murdered, Lidie vanishes into Missouri to find his killers.

Trollope, Joanna

**Other People's Children** (1998) **T742.o**

The author of *The Best of Friends* explores the hard-won truths and often harder to overcome difficulties of stepfamilies.

Walker, Alice

**By the Light of My Father's Smile: A Novel** (1998) **W1438.b**

A family comes to an outpost in the remote Sierras in Mexico where their encounters with the Mound—an endangered band of mixed race blacks and Indians—changes their lives.

Yoshikawa, Mako

**One Hundred and One Ways** (1999) **Y8263.o**

The tale of a young Japanese-American woman whose past and future have begun to collide.

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